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For: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CROSS-LINKED GELATIN BEADLETS

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April 1, 2009

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR TIME EXTENSION

Sir:

Petition is hereby made to extend the time period set by the Office Action dated December 10, 2008 for one (1) month, up to and including April 10, 2009, so as to ensure copendency of the above-identified application with a divisional application thereof being filed concurrently herewith.

The fee required by Rule 17(a)(1) is being paid concurrently herewith. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u>, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.

Respectfully submitted,

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